

**APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE
SMALL OPERATORS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1.1 Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Telephone: _____

1.2 Does the applicant intend to file an application for a coal mining permit utilizing information provided through this assistance program?

☐ YES ☐ NO

1.3 Provide the following information for the applicant. (Attach additional entries as needed using the same format.)

A. List all companies engaged in coal operations in which the applicant owns more than ten percent interest. Indicate the percentage of ownership.

COMPANY	STATE OF OPERATION	PERCENT OF OWNERSHIP

B. Are there any person/s companies who own more than 10 percent interest in the applicant?
☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, please provide the following information for each.

PERSON/COMPANY	STATE OF OPERATION	PERCENT OF OWNERSHIP



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- C. Are there any persons who directly or indirectly control the applicant by reason of direction of the management?

☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, provide the following information for each.

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Telephone No: _____

- D. Are any members of the applicant's family and/or relatives involved in a coal production operation?

☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, provide the following information for each.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

- 1.5 Provide the name of the company under which the coal is or will be mined.

- 1.6 Will the operator on the permit be the same as the applicant?

☐ YES ☐ NO If NO, provide the following information for the operator.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Telephone: _____

- 1.7 Has the applicant, any of the companies owned or controlled by the applicant, or anyone who owns or controls the applicant, reorganized a company solely for the purpose of obtaining assistance under the Small Operators Assistance Program?

☐ YES ☐ NO

2. ATTRIBUTABLE COAL TONNAGE INFORMATION

Provide the following information for the applicant and all persons/companies identified in Items 1.4 A. -1.4 D. (Attach additional entries as needed using the same format.)



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2.1 The actual coal production (tons) for the year preceding the application for assistance for each identified operation.

COMPANY	PERMIT NO.	MSHA NO.	PRODUCTION

2.2 The estimated coal production (tons) for one year following the application for assistance for each identified operation.

COMPANY	PERMIT NO.	MSHA NO.	PRODUCTION

3. COAL MINE PERMIT APPLICATION INFORMATION

3.1 Provide the following information pertaining to the proposed permit application and adjacent area.

A. A description of the proposed operation, including:

- (1) The type and method of coal mining;
- (2) The number of acres of land to be affected;
- (3) The anticipated starting and termination dates of the mining; and
- (4) The name of the coal seam(s) to be mined, the anticipated thickness, the estimated acres of mineral to be removed, the maximum projected highwall, and the estimated coal reserves within the proposed permit area (describe the method used to calculate the estimated reserves).

B. A USGS Topographic map at a scale of 1:24,000, or larger, which clearly shows for the proposed area to be affected and the adjacent areas:

- (1) The area of land to be affected and the natural drainage above and below the area;



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- (2) Names of the property owners;
- (3) Location(s) of existing structures and developed water resources;
- (4) Location of existing and proposed test borings or core samplings; and
- (5) Location and extent of known workings of any underground mine.

C. Documents which show:

- (1) The applicant has a legal right to enter and commence mining within the proposed permit area; and
- (2) A legal right of entry has been obtained for the U. S. Office of Surface Mining, the Maryland Bureau of Mines, and consultants/laboratory personnel under the direction of, or contract to, the Maryland Bureau of Mines to enter upon the lands to be mined and adjacent lands for the purpose of conducting the necessary data collection.

4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ASSISTANCE

4.1 All work authorized by the Bureau under the Small Operators Assistance Program will be performed at no cost to the applicant. However, the applicant shall become liable for reimbursement to the Bureau for the cost of the services provided under this Program, if the applicant:

- A. Submits False information
- B. Fails to submit a permit application within one year from the date of receipt of the approved SOAP report;
- C. Fails to mine after obtaining a permit;
- D. Is determined by the Bureau to have an actual and attributed annual production of coal exceeding 300,000 tons during the 12 months immediately following the date on which the assistance is provided; or
- E. Sells, transfers, or assigns the permit to another person and the transferee's total and attributed production exceeds 300,000 tons during the 12 months immediately following the date on which the assistance is provided.

4.2 The Bureau may waive the reimbursement obligation if it finds that the applicant at all times acted in good faith.



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5. STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, as a duly authorized representative of the applicant, do hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed the accompanying application and that to the best of my knowledge and belief all of the information is correct and complete. Furthermore, I do hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the Maryland Small Operators Assistance Program (SOAP).

Name of Applicant: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

State of: _____

County of: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me by _____

this _____ day of _____, 19 _____

My Commission Expires _____

Notary Public: _____

